



**Accredited family and group home child care providers are more likely to:**

- Care for children in a home that is safe and healthy.
- Offer child-centered activities for children.
- Help children grow and develop.
- Attend classes and workshops on child care and child development.
- Be a member of a professional child care organization.

Accredited family and group home child care providers have been visited by a trained expert from the National Association for Family Child Care to make sure they meet national quality standards.

**What are the benefits of accreditation?**

- CHILDREN will be in a program that meets national quality standards for health and safety.
- PARENTS will know that this program has passed a national quality standards review.
- CHILD CARE PROVIDERS will gain professional and public recognition for their high quality programs.
- EMPLOYERS will see lower absenteeism because children of employees will be in well managed child care programs.
- HIGH QUALITY early education and care prepares children for success.

*For more information about accreditation, call the:*

**MICHIGAN 4C ASSOCIATION**  
**800-950-4171 or 517-351-4171**

*For more information on accredited programs in your area, call your local 4C office at:*  
**1-866-4CHILDCARE.**

**Accredited child care centers and school-age programs are more likely to:**

- Provide safe and healthy play areas.
- Offer child-centered activities for children.
- Provide activities and games that are suited to the child's age.
- Employ teachers who are specially trained in child development or child care.
- Encourage parents to participate in program activities.

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## WHAT KIND OF ACCREDITATION IS AVAILABLE?

The *National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)* accredits child care centers by helping the staff improve their programs. NAEYC evaluates the quality of these programs and certifies that they meet accreditation standards. ([www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org))

The *National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)* accredits family and group home child care providers whose services meet national standards of professional quality child care. ([www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org))

The *National After School Association (NAA)* accredits school-age programs that achieve national standards for quality, school-age care. ([www.naaweb.org](http://www.naaweb.org))



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*Choosing the right child care is a big decision. Whether you prefer a center or a family or group home, you want it to be safe, healthy, and enjoyable for your child.*

*Accredited centers, homes, or school-age programs meet national quality standards. When choosing a program for your child, ask if the program is accredited.*

## ACCREDITATION:

## ADDED SECURITY WHEN CHOOSING CHILD CARE

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